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## *Weston Man Enters Guilty Plea*

CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 35 year old Weston, West Virginia, resident entered a plea of guilty on January 16, 2007, in United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia in Clarksburg before Chief Judge Irene M. Keeley.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that MICHAEL S. THOMPSON, of 377 Johns Street, Weston, West Virginia, entered a plea of guilty to one count of an Superseding Indictment charging THOMPSON, who was previously convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, with unlawfully possessing a Marlin rifle and a Colt AR-15 rifle on February 25, 2006, in Lewis County, West Virginia.

THOMPSON, who is currently in custody pending sentencing, faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Zelda E. Wesley. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

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